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Dear Sir or Madam:

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1. Amendment and Reply; and
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**AMENDMENT AND REPLY**

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Dear Sir:

In response to the Office action mailed April 8, 2002, please amend the subject patent application as follows:

**In The Claims:**

Amend claim 17 as follows:

17. (Four times amended) A method for identifying optical contrast enhancing agents useful for enhancing the sensitivity of optical detection of a biological material comprising:

maintaining at least one sample population of the biological material in one of the following systems: a cell culture system; a tissue culture system; an organ culture system; and an intact organism;

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